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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **HIROSHIMA SURVIVOR TO SPEAK AT UM**

#### **MISSOULA -**

Shigeko Sasamori, a survivor of the atomic bomb attack on Hiroshima, will speak about the experience at The University of Montana on Monday, Sept. 15. The event begins at 7 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

Sasamori will be accompanied by Steven Leeper, chair of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation. Her presentation is part of "The Legacy of Hiroshima and Nagasaki," a semester-long exhibition at UM to educate the community on the attacks and the aftermath, raise awareness about the consequences of nuclear war and share a message of peace. All events are free and open to the public.

As part of the exhibition, a film series featuring five movies about Hiroshima and Nagasaki begins Wednesday, Sept. 10. All films will be shown at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the University Center Theater. Charles Exley, UM assistant professor of Japanese, will introduce each film. The film series schedule is:

- Sept. 10: "Barefoot Gen."
- Oct. 1: "Hellfire: A Journey from Hiroshima."
- Oct. 15: "Black Rain."



· Oct. 29: "Yasukuni."

· Nov. 12: "Kamikaze Taxi."

The exhibition also includes the display of 30 posters through Dec. 1 in the lobby of UM's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library. Later in the semester, there will be a faculty member roundtable discussion about the legacy of the nuclear bomb and a student roundtable discussion titled "East Asia Now."

Exhibition sponsors are the city of Hiroshima, the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center, the Mansfield Library, the Mansfield Center, UM President George Dennison, the University's Office of the Provost, International Programs, College of Arts and Sciences, School of Social Work, Asian Studies Program, and the departments of sociology, anthropology, geography, and modern and classical languages and literatures.

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